IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims to read as follows.

1.   (Currently Amended) A data processing method performed by a server for providing data to a terminal via a network, the method comprising:

a reception step of receiving a request for data loading from the a terminal;

a completion an end discrimination step of discriminating whether a the generation of requested data has completed; ended;

a first transmission step of transmitting to the terminal the requested data if the generation thereof has completed; ended;

a prediction an estimation step of predicting estimating an end time of the generation of the requested data if the generation thereof of the requested data has not completed; ended; and

a second transmission step of transmitting to the terminal the predicted estimated end time together with display information indicating that the data generation is in progress.

2.   (Currently Amended) A data processing method according to claim 1, wherein said prediction estimation step predicts estimates the end time based on the size of the generated data to be generated.

3.   (Currently Amended) A data processing method according to claim 1, wherein said data are result of execution of a predetermined process, and said prediction

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~~estimation~~ step predicts ~~estimates~~ the end time based on the time required for executing said predetermined process.

4. (Currently Amended) A data processing method performed by a terminal for receiving data from a server via a network, the method comprising:

an issuing step of issuing a request for data loading to the ~~a~~ server;

a display step of displaying display data received from the server in response to the ~~said~~ request;

data discriminating step of discriminating whether the received data is the requested data or a predicted end time for generation of the requested data together with the display data indicating that the data generation is in progress; and

a re-issuing step, in case the predicted ~~an estimated~~ end time for data generation is received ~~together with said display data~~, of re-issuing ~~again~~ the request for data loading to the server when the predicted ~~said~~ end time is reached.

5. (Currently Amended) A data processing apparatus for providing data to a terminal from a server via a network, the apparatus comprising:

reception means for receiving a request for data loading from the ~~a~~ terminal;

completion ~~end~~ discrimination means for discriminating whether a ~~the~~ generation of requested data has completed; ~~ended;~~

first transmission for transmitting to the terminal the requested data if the generation thereof has completed; ~~ended;~~

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a prediction ~~estimation~~ means for predicting ~~estimating~~ an end time of the generation of the requested data if the generation thereof ~~of the requested data~~ has not completed; ~~ended;~~ and

second transmission means for transmitting to the terminal the predicted ~~estimated~~ end time together with display information indicating that the data generation is in progress.

6.   (Currently Amended) A data processing apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said prediction ~~estimation~~ means predicts ~~estimates~~ the end time based on the size of the ~~generated~~ data to be generated.

7.   (Currently Amended) A data processing apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said data are result of execution of a predetermined process, and said prediction ~~estimation~~ means predicts ~~estimates~~ the end time based on the time required for executing said predetermined process.

8.   (Currently Amended) A data processing apparatus for receiving data at a terminal from a server via a network, the apparatus comprising:

issuing means for issuing a request for data loading to the ~~a~~ server;

display means for displaying display data received from the server in response to the ~~said~~ request;

data discriminating means for discriminating whether the received data is the requested data or a predicted end time for generation of the requested data together with the display data indicating that the data generation is in progress; and

control means adapted, in case the predicted ~~an estimated~~ end time for data generation is received ~~together with said display data~~, to so control said issuing means as to re-issue ~~again~~ the request for data loading to the server when the predicted ~~said~~ end time is reached.

9.   (Currently Amended) A computer readable storage medium storing a data processing program for controlling a server computer to perform data processing for providing data from the server to a terminal via a network, said program comprising codes for causing the computer to perform:

a reception step of receiving a request for data loading from a terminal;

a completion ~~an end~~ discrimination step of discriminating whether a ~~the~~ generation of requested data has completed; ~~ended;~~

a first transmission step of transmitting to the terminal step the requested data if the generation thereof has completed; ~~ended;~~

a prediction ~~an estimation~~ step of predicting ~~estimating~~ an end time of the generation of the requested data if the generation thereof ~~of the requested data~~ has not completed; ~~ended;~~ and

a second transmission step of transmitting to the terminal the predicted ~~estimated~~ end time together with display information indicating that the data generation is in progress.

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10.   (Currently Amended) A computer readable storage medium storing a data processing program for controlling a <u>terminal</u> computer to perform data processing <u>for receiving data from a server via a network</u>, said program comprising codes for causing the computer to perform:

an issuing step of issuing a request for data loading to <u>the</u> a server;

a display step of displaying display data received <u>from the server</u> in response to <u>the</u> ~~said~~ request;

<u>data discriminating step of discriminating whether the received data is the requested data or a predicted end time for generation of the requested data together with the display data indicating that the data generation is in progress;</u> and

a re-issuing step, in case <u>the predicted</u> ~~an estimated~~ end time for data generation is received ~~together with said display data~~, of <u>re-</u>issuing ~~again~~ the request the data loading <u>to the server</u> when <u>the predicted</u> ~~said~~ end time is reached.

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